

## **Albashier Calls for a Unilateral Two-Weeks Ceasefire in South Kordofan!**

- **A Ceasefire Requires a Two-Party Agreement.**
- **Albashier should Permit the Feeding of Thousands of IDPs Instead of Using Food as a Weapon of War.**

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The Secretary General of the SPLM-N, Yasir Arman, described the announcement by Field-Marshal Albasheir of a ceasefire in South Kordofan as a public relations stunt. He added, that had Albasheir being serious about the move he would have presented it less than twenty-four hours earlier in the meeting he held with the chairman of SPLM, Malik Agar, in the presence of the Ethiopian Prime Minister, Meles Zenawi.

According to Arman, 'this is an attempt to cover up the widespread human rights violations in South Kordofan, as well as the forays of ethnic cleansing and genocide there. Therefore, Albasheir, should first permit food distribution to the thousands of the displaced persons escaping the conflict. He is using food as a weapon, and he is using citizens as human-shield.

He commented that Albasheir is not serious in his call for a ceasefire, saying: 'A ceasefire, if it to be implemented, needs two parties, but Albasheir rejected the Framework Agreement, and rejected the AU mediation of President Thabo Mbeki.'

The SPLM-N Secretary General revealed that he possesses information which confirms that Field-Marshal Albasheir offer of a unilateral ceasefire is no more than ruse to help prepare for a widespread attack in South Kordofan. He followed: 'this fact was disclosed in a speech by the Presidential Advisor, Dr. Nafie Ali Nafie. It seems, One calls openly for war, while the other employs deception as a war tactic.'

Arman said that Albasheir's call for a ceasefire is an attempt to deceive local and international public opinion, and that the attack, now under preparation, will fail like the ones before it.

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